



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, May 23, 2024
10:02am – 12:01pm MST

Location:

322 E. Front St., Suite 560
Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendy Pratt (Vice Chair)	Joan Cloonan
Mitch Silvers	Richard Savage (Zoom)
Blake Hollingsworth (Treasurer) (Zoom)	

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Delwyne Trefz	Melonie Ziegler (Zoom)
Brenda Charles	Rob Sharpnack (Zoom)
Sarah Quidgeon	Bill Lillibridge (Zoom)
Corri Parsley	Jenna Ditzel (Zoom)
Meghan Brooksher (Zoom)	George Hitz (Zoom)

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

David Perkins, DAG	Karla Freeman, Kootenai Shoshone SWD (Zoom)
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ITEM #1: WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL**PRESENTED BY: CHAIRWOMAN PRATT**

Vice Chairwoman Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

Roll call: Chairwoman Wendy Pratt, Commissioners Mitch Silvers, Joan Cloonan, Richard Savage, and Blake Hollingsworth were all present.

Note: Commissioner Hollingsworth came in at 10:10am and Commissioner Cloonan left at 11:30am.

ITEM #2: AGENDA REVIEW**PRESENTED BY: CHAIRWOMAN PRATT**

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #4: MINUTES

Action: Meeting Minutes April 4th, add Rob Whitney to meeting minutes and what he presented on. Motion to approve after changes 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, motion passed by all Commissioners.
Meeting Minutes April 30th, change duplicated item #2 to #3 with heading. Motion to approve 1st by Commissioner Hollingsworth and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, motion passed by all Commissioners.

ITEM #5: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CONSERVATION AGENCIES 2024 DUES

Action: Approval to pay \$3,000 NASCA 2024 dues was put into motion by 1st Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, motion passed by all Commissioners.

ITEM #6: REPORTS

Commissioners spoke about the projects in each of their districts and how the meetings feel educational for themselves as well as the districts.
Action: None taken

ITEM #7: FISCAL REPORTS

Melonie Ziegler presented fiscal changes and comparison from budget to actual statements FY 2024.
Action: None taken

ITEM #8: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA) UPDATE

Delwyne Trefz presented WQPA projects that are complete, projects that will be completed by May 31, 2024, and how many projects will need to be carried over for fiscal year 2025.
Action: None taken

ITEM #9: ENVIROTHON REPORT

George Hitz presented a video on the 2024 Idaho Envirothon held on April 29-30 in Challis, Idaho.
Action: None taken

ITEM #10: CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP) REPORT

Delwyne Trefz and Rob Sharpnack presented on what the enrollment suspension will mean for CREP, the changes that will need to be revised in the CREP agreement, and the updates on payments to participants for conservation practices implemented.
Action: None taken

ITEM #11: CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

Delwyne Trefz and Rob Sharpnack spoke about why we were not appropriated adequate state funds during the 2024 legislative session. The perceived challenges that may affect CREP and how to improve CREPs effectiveness in the future.

Action: None taken

ITEM #12: ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Delwyne Trefz updated everyone on the agency’s reorganization and the vacant position. The role that ISWCC has with Idaho Agricultural Pollution Abatement plan and when to expect our portion of the document to be completed. IDEQ has initiated a review and update of the Idaho Nonpoint Source Management Plan and as a partner ISWCC has been asked to participate in a working group, more information to come. Update on what the Saving Tomorrow’s Agriculture Resource (STAR) Program and how it can promote regenerative agricultural practices. Commissioners request to be updated as more information comes out about STARS. Lastly the rest of the year’s dates for Commission Meetings.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was moved to adjourn 1st by Commissioner Silvers and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, meeting ended 12:01PM. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on June 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sharpnack, Secretary